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LIDA TRAINING AREA SOUTHEAST
LIDA AREA, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

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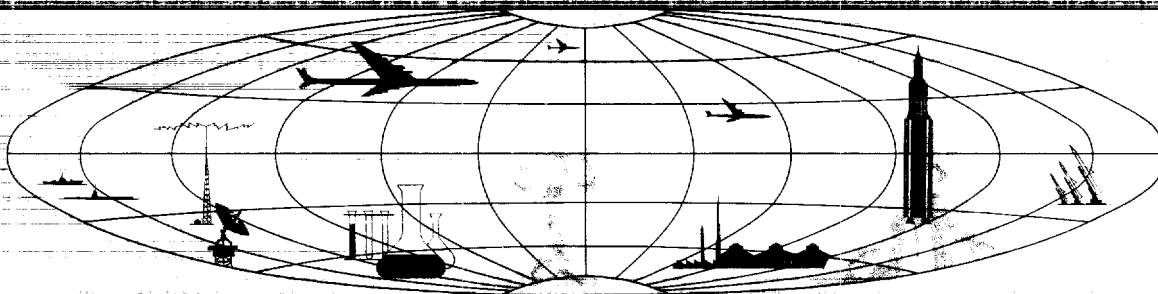
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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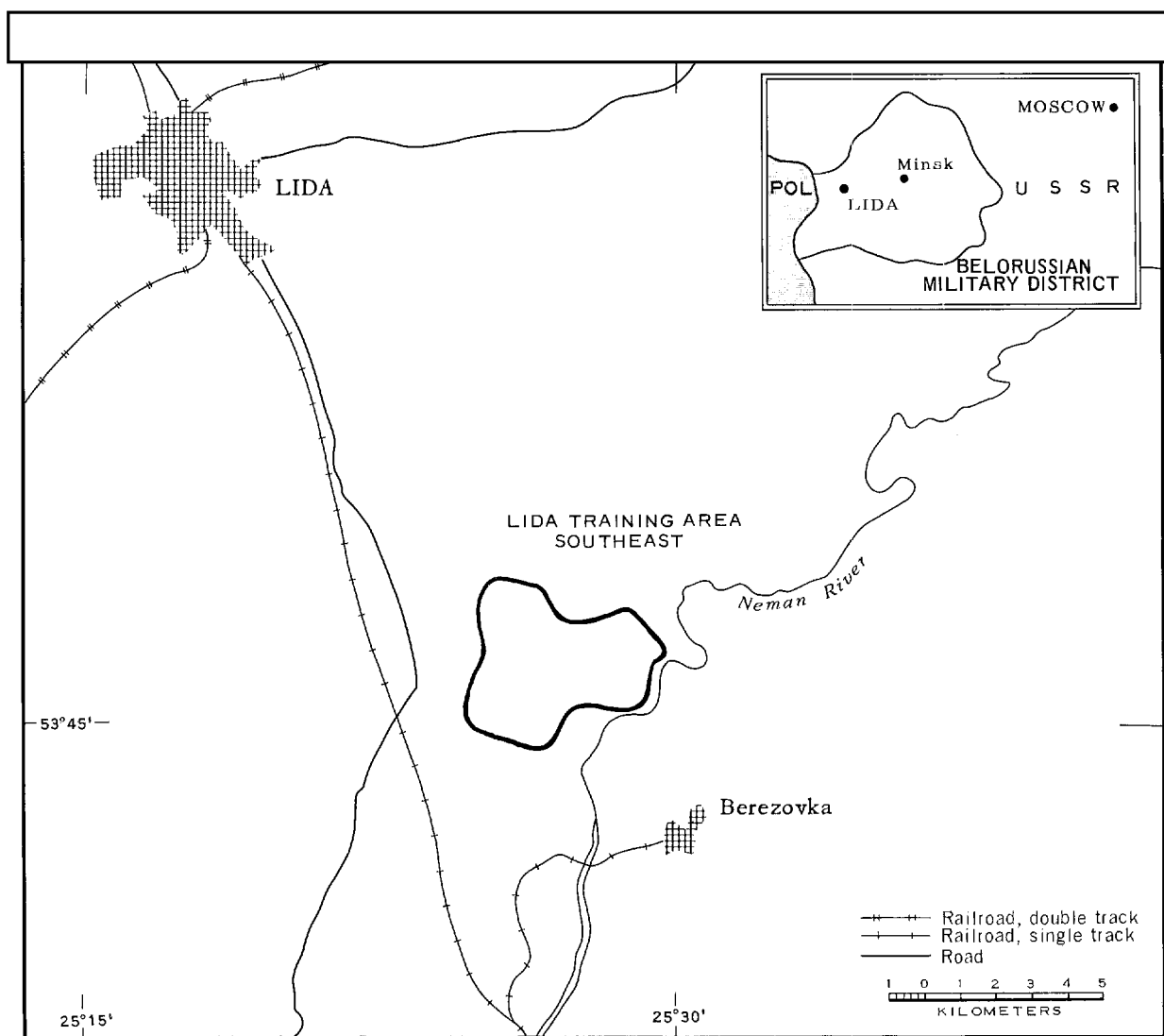
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LIDA TRAINING AREA SOUTHEAST

(53-46N 025-29E)

LIDA AREA, GRODNENSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF LIDA TRAINING AREA SOUTHEAST.

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SUMMARY

A military training area* (AL-2) is located 16 kilometers (km) southeast of Lida (53-53N 025-17E) on the west bank of the Neman River (Figure 1). Lida Military Barracks (AL-1) is located 21 km northwest. All-weather roads provide direct connections to the Lida-Novogradok highway. The Lida-Baranovichi rail line passes 5 km west.

The area (Figure 2) covers approximately 3,800 acres, including a 200-acre troop billeting camp containing five permanent buildings and extensive areas for tents. The permanent buildings include one administration building and four probable mess halls. The training area is on

relatively flat terrain (less than 50 feet variation in elevation) and is predominantly wooded. Training facilities include an infantry field training area, two probable field artillery 4-position battery emplacements, and a probable river-crossing training site.

The area was covered by [redacted] photography and [redacted] missions between [redacted]. Comparative analysis reveals no significant change in the over-all size of this training area. The general level of track activity remained about the same between [redacted] with no discernible activity in the winter months.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

Probable all-weather roads lead to the Lida-Novogradok highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains one H-shaped administration building, four T-shaped probable mess halls, and extensive areas for tents.

The minor support buildings and tents, which were reported from [redacted] coverage, are not

discernible on [redacted] photography.

Artillery Emplacements

Area Q contains two unoccupied field artillery emplacements.

Infantry Field Training Area

Area R contains numerous personnel trench systems and field works with light track activity throughout.

Special Training Facilities

A probable river-crossing training site is located in Area S.

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*DIA Target Data Inventory (TDI) reports this installation as Lida Barracks and Training Area Southeast.

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REQUIREMENT

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FIGURE 2. LIDA TRAINING AREA SOUTHEAST, LIDA AREA, USSR

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